



Market Notes

So many extraordinary samples came to market in the last two months that it was difficult to decide which to mention. Many came from eBay seller [rockkos](#), who is handling the estate of an Ohio collector who owned an extensive, high quality collection that held rarities such as three Compugrade samples and many never before seen pieces. Rockkos sales included:

The first known eBay appearance of the “CU Forum Lunch Crew” PCGS-025-4-20. This is the first luncheon slab from any service, with 40 made for an event at the May 2003 Long Beach Expo. Its price of \$265 was a record for a luncheon slab.



The first NGC luncheon slab, also from a scarce issue of 40 pieces. NGC-025-4-56, an impressive five-coin holder, came from the 2004 FUN show and earned \$85.



An equally impressive and previously unknown five-coin NGC sample with a complete 1958 proof set and auctioned for \$147.50. With serial 001, this could be unique.



The first SGS sample to appear on eBay (SGS-001-1-1). \$65.99.

The first known sale of an ICG sample with a promotional card from the 2002 ANA pre-show (ICG-Card-1-2). Earned \$48.50 and it could be years before another appears.

Outside of the ongoing rockkos sale, noteworthy eBay listings included:

For the state quarter collectors, the first Oregon to appear on eBay in at least five years. This ICG holder went low at \$14.50.

Four (!) examples of a PCGS two-coin holder sample, each with a 2010-D and 1943 cent. The seller listed them too low and each sold quickly as Buy It Now for \$40 - \$99.99.

PCGS Standing Liberty similar to FASTCOIN, but without promotional labeling, that earned \$93.85. Nine listed by Joel D Rettew Rare Coins, a PNG dealer that uses the eBay ID savoncoin. Joel Rettew, Sr., who serves on the



PCGS Board of Experts, also created the 130 or more FASTCOIN promotional slabs that began appearing for sale in 2014. See [Sample Slab Update #25](#) for more on FASTCOIN.



A PCGS 30th anniversary medal with a holder personalized to a PCGS employee (\$104.50). New varieties of the 30th anniversary medal keep turning up.

A bizarre PCI sample that held a 1998 cent, but with a label similar to the famous Hallmark 1859 dollar photo holder. Sold as a lot with three other low value holders – estimate \$50 of the sale price was for this slab.



A full seven-holder set of ANACS show slabs from the 2007 Milwaukee World's Fair of Money. Auctioned for \$82 for all seven. This was surprisingly low, considering I have sold individual holders in the past for \$35. Most of the varieties were unlisted.



New Sample Slab Issuer – Gradations et Expertises Numismatique Internationales (GENI)

Frequent Sample Slab Update contributor Isaiah Hageman obtained this sample from a newly founded French issuer known as [Gradations et Expertises Numismatiques Internationales, or GENI](#).



This unconventional eight-sided holder puts the labels on the rim. None of the label appears when displayed in a dealer case. The edge labels, however, allow users to view certification information without removing the holders from a box. Let me know if you have seen this certifier or their work in Europe, or if more samples appear.

Book News

The [Sample Slabs](#), second edition printed book is now sold out. I do not plan to print more. Fortunately, an unlimited supply of PDFs remains and many people prefer the PDF for easy searching. Buy the PDF download for \$12 at [SampleSlabBook.com](#), or on [eBay](#).

Still no definite plans on a third edition, but I would now say that it is a possibility.

Samples at the US Mexican Numismatic Association Convention

Although a small show, the annual convention of the US Mexican Numismatic Association in Scottsdale, Arizona has become a key event for collectors of Mexican and other Latin American numismatics. Show samples have appeared before, and this year the top three certifiers all issued show slabs. Members received these three pieces when picking up their badges at the convention.



The ANACS holder has the usual “SAMPLE – NOT FOR RESALE” reverse label, while the other two do not have reverse labels.

Buying and Selling

Buying

I always buy sample collections or better single slabs for inventory. For my own collection, I look for samples from obscure or unlisted grading services, gold coin samples, and rarities from all services. davidschwager@hotmail.com

I will pay:

\$150 for a copy of Conder101's 2003 slab book, Third Party Grading / Certification Services & Slab / Certificate Varieties

\$275 for the PCGS “CU Forum Lunch Crew” holder with a New York quarter

Selling

Plenty for sale in this newsletter – first two guests with significant collections, then my listings.

J Ginsburg

Sample Slab Update regular J Ginsburg is selling the sample slab collection below. All items (except one) will go on eBay starting at 99 cents on January 1. Includes high quality samples, such as the rare Pearson's 1909 nickel. To buy any of these pieces now, contact him at yslmld@gmail.com. Click on the photo below for a larger image.



Rockkos

John Kosakowski, the rockkos described on page one of this newsletter asks, “Do you know anyone who would be interested in quantities of sample slabs?” Contact him at rockkos1@gmail.com.

My listings

Plenty of fresh slabs in this newsletter at all price levels. Look especially at #1, which I have never seen in hand before, and #16, a PCGS rarity.

Free shipping on all orders. To order, email me at daidschwager@hotmail.com, or call or text (714) 658-9516 to verify the holders remain available. I can then send a PayPal invoice, or you can receive a 10% discount for any other payment method (check, Facebook Messenger, or nearly any option you have in mind).

1. NGC-Unlisted. 1999-D New Jersey quarter. Labeled “W.L. SUPER BOWL.” 342000-075. I do not know the circumstances under which this was issued. Possibly for internal use? \$85
2. NGC-025-4-27. 2002-P Indiana quarter. 151519-033. \$8



3. NGC-Unlisted. 2003-D Missouri quarter. 1761594-098. Like NGC-025-4-41, but with a submission number that is one higher. \$8
4. PCGS-001-5-3. 2010-D Shield cent. 416671.00/1234567890. \$5
5. PCGS-001-5-7. 2015-D Shield cent. Labeled 2015-D, but with a 2015 (P) coin. 539693.80/303355307. Error samples are popular. \$19
6. PCGS-001-5-7. Identical to #5. \$19
7. PCGS-Unlisted. 2017-P Shield cent. 629578.89/84737563. Rare Coin Market Report slab from the 2017 Denver World's Fair of Money. Unsigned "1 of 1,000" variety. \$18
8. PCGS-010-1-3. 1964 Roosevelt dime. 05128.64/7000023. Common but popular PCGS rattler sample. \$16
9. PCGS-010-1-3. 1964-D Roosevelt dime. 05129.64/7000023. Rattler. \$16
10. PCGS-025-4-16. 2001-P New York quarter. 5966.00/71041540. Blue label sample. \$8
11. PCGS-025-4-16. Identical to #9. \$8
12. PCGS-025-4-17. 2001-P New York quarter. 5966.00/7962423. Scarcer variety with MS00 grade and "New York Sample" label. \$20
13. PCGS-025-9-11. 2014-P Everglades quarter. "PCGS Luncheon / January 9, 2015." \$40
14. PCGS-100-3-1. Labeled 1921, but with a 1921-D Morgan dollar. 7296.80/12345678. The ring surrounding the coin turned yellow, which is a quirk of PCGS dollar holders of this period. \$59
15. PCGS-Unlisted. 2007-D Jefferson dollar. Reverse label "Coin Grading / Young Numismatists / June 2016." At some Long Beach Expos, PCGS holds grading contests in which professionals, amateurs, and juniors guess the correct grades on boxes of 20 coins. This holder went to a winner of the junior class. Likely unique. \$60





16. PCGS-Ag1-3-1. 1995 Silver Eagle. 500000.00/1234567. One of the most desirable PCGS samples. \$475.
17. PCGS-Unlisted. 1945-Mo Mexico 2 pesos gold. "Compliments of UCB." Not many gold samples exist. \$119
18. PCI-001-2-9. 1957 Lincoln cent. "Ex. 1991 ANA SAMPLE." Label is toned, coin is bright red. \$19
19. SEGS-025-1-1. 1999-P Pennsylvania quarter. "NG / SAMPLE HOLDER." All SEGS samples are scarce – they come up for sale about once per month – but they remain inexpensive. \$14
20. SEGS-025-1-3. 1999-P New Jersey quarter. "NG / HOLDER SAMPLE." \$14
21. SEGS-025-1-4. 1999-P Georgia quarter. "SAMPLE ONLY / NG / NOT CONSENSUS GRADED." \$14

Photos or more details of any slabs gladly provided on request.

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